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SUBJECT:EXTENDED INDOCHINA REFUGEE PROGRAM - PERMANENT
RESETTLEMENT IN THAILAND

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM WILSON

1. AS WE APPROACH CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS ON A PROGRAM
TO PAROLE A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL INDOCHINESE
REFUGEES INTO THE U.S., AN IMPORTANT INGREDIENT OF THOSE
CONSULTATIONS WILL BE THE ROLE OF THIRD COUNTRIES IN AS-
SISTING IN A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM. AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE
URGING UNHCR TO MAKE A FRESH APPEAL TO ASSIST INDOCHINESE
REFUGEES.

2. WE ARE ALSO DISCUSSING THIS PROBLEM WITH THE GERMAN
GOVERNMENT AND ARE PLANNING A NEW APPROACH IN CANBERRA. IN
BOTH CASES, WE ARE STRESSING OUR WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST
THROUGH EMBASSY BANGKOK IN ANY REASONABLE WAY THE EFFORTS
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OF SUCH COUNTRIES TO TAKE ADDITIONAL INDOCHINESE REFUGEES.

THIS WOULD INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF VISA FALCON CLEARANCES FOR REFUGEES IN WHICH THE EMBASSIES OF COUNTRIES WITH AN INDOCHINESE REFUGEE PROGRAM EXPRESS AN INTEREST.

3. AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE THIRD COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT PICTURE IS THE WILLINGNESS OF THE THAI GOVERNMENT TO DEAL WITH CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IN THAILAND ON A MORE PERMANENT BASIS.

4. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTS AS TO WHETHER OUR PROSPECTIVE NEW PROGRAM IS LIKELY TO PROVIDE YOU WITH ANY USEFUL LEVERAGE IN THIS RESPECT AND WHAT, IF ANYTHING, WE SHOULD FEEL FREE TO SAY TO THE CONGRESS ON THIS POINT AT THIS TIME. SISCO

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